

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this patent application in light of the foregoing Amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are presently active, Claims 2-13 amended by the present preliminary amendment, and Claim 14 is added.

The claims have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency of dependent Claims 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13, and to correct a minor typographical error in Claims 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, examination on the merits is in order, and an early and favorable Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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